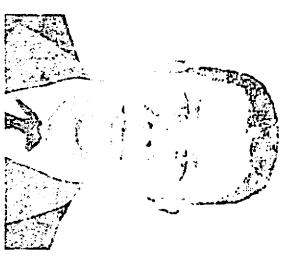


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The building project proceeded forward, and on December 26, 1915 the building was paid for and ready to be dedicated. Apostle George F. Richards was present to offer the dedicatory prayer. William Lindsay recorded in his diary that 294 persons were present at the "very impressive and interesting services."

A little over a year after the chapel dedication Bishop Duke was released and George Frank Ryan was sustained as the new bishop. Counselors who had served during the years with Bishop Duke included Edward D. Clyde, Joseph Musser, George Smith, Robert Price, E. J. Duke, John Wootton, and James L. Lindsay. Lawrence B. Duke was ward clerk.

When Bishop Ryan was sustained on January 28, 1917, he chose John H. Miller and Adolphia R. Duke as counselors. Lawrence B. Duke continued as ward clerk until 1921 when he became a counselor in the bishopric and George B. Stanley was named ward clerk.

In April of 1923 George Stanley was chosen as Bishop with Lawrence B. Duke and Thomas Crook as counselors and Adolphia R. Duke as ward clerk. This bishopric served together for seven years until August of 1930 when they were released and Joseph Olpin became bishop. His counselors were Thomas Perry and Arnold Johnson with Clarence Olson as ward clerk. During Bishop Olpin's tenure, 10 missionaries were called from the ward to labor in the missions of the Church.

On March 7, 1943, Heber M. Rasband was sustained as the bishop. His counselors were Arnold Johnson and Allen Curry with Walter Harrison as clerk. It was during Bishop Rasband's term that the decision was reached to remodel and expand the ward chapel. Pratt Duke, a former ward member who had moved to Salt Lake City, was called to supervise the expansion work, which began on April 15, 1952. Under the direction of the bishopric and Mr. Duke the project was finished early in 1953, and a beautiful, modern chapel was dedicated to the Lord on March 11, 1953 by Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve.

In January of 1955 Harold H. Smith was called as the new bishop with Ervin Anderson and Maron Hiatt as counselors and Elmo Jacobson, ward clerk. They served together until January 17, 1957 when the ward was divided creating the Heber Sixth Ward.

Following the division the new boundaries of Heber First Ward were as follows: Starting from the north city limits on Third East and running south to Second South, then east to Mill Lane, then south to Call Lane, then east through the fields to the Ed Wade Lane, north to the Lake Creek Highway, along the highway back to Six East, along Sixth East to the north city limits and west again to the place of beginning.

The following Sunday, January 24, 1957, Ervin J. Anderson was sustained as bishop of the Heber First Ward with George Holmes first counselor, Grant Averett second counselor and Rex A. Whiting, ward

clerk. When Grant Averett was released, Malin Lewis was sustained in the bishopric.

Some of the leaders who have served in the ward since the 1903 division include the following:

**PRIMARY:** Mary Elizabeth McDonald, first president with Janet Duke and Kate Turner, counselors and Anne Coleman, secretary. Other presidents have included Josie Todd, Jennie B. Duke, Chrissie Jones, Lilly Giles, Zella Blackley, Dulce Young, Atha Montgomery, Mabel Crook, Anna Turner, Hope Watson, Nellie Johnson, Ethel Broadbent, Fay Hilton, Marvel Murdock, Retta Simpson, Verna McKnight, Betty Duke, Toma Waldbeiser, Lela Bond, Faye Bonner and Elouise Buell.

**RELIEF SOCIETY:** Presidents since 1903 have included Margaret Murdock, Annie J. Duke, Linda Duke, Arbelia Harvey, Elizabeth McDonald, Alice Lambert, Jennie Broadbent, Lacy Duke, Retta Allen, Mrs. Frank Price, Leda Titus, Fay Hilton and Ethel Broadbent.

**YMMIA:** Superintendents have been Louis Jorgensen, Squire Simpson, Wilson Young, Scott Murdock, Clyde Broadbent, Ferrel Anderson, Courtney Childs, Johnnie Brandt, Harris Parcell, Harold Stevens, Grant Averett, Burton Duke and Kent Larsen.

**YWMIA:** Organized on May 24, 1903 with Martha Duke as president with Isabell Baum and Maggie Murdock as counselors and Edna Averett secretary. Other presidents have been Dora Murdock, Crissie Duke, Lucretia Smith, Alice Wood, Alice Murdock, Lizzie Lindsay, Ardell Clyde, Lacy Duke, Virginia Christensen, LaVon Burch, Enid Duke, Lola Curry, Mable Smith, Ellen Duke, Marvel Murdock, Sylvia Johnson, Mima Rasband, Afton Rosenbaum, Maryan Ryan and Fern Young.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Superintendents have included Orson Ryan, Alfred Duke, Allen Curry, John H. Miller, Frank Epperson, Howard Duke, Lester Greenwood, H. Ray Hatch, Lyman Duke, Sylvan Smith, D. L. Hilton, Thomas Perry, John Turner, Dean Balls, Reed Giles, Kenneth Johnson, Rex Whiting, Stephen Mahoney, William Jordan, Orson Allen, Lynn Murdock, Malin Lewis and Bob Provost.

**CHOIR LEADERS:** Roger Horrocks, John H. Murdock, Emil Peterson, Frank Epperson, Storm McDonald, a Mr. McAllister, Elroy Van Wagoner, Jennie Brown Duke, Ramon Duke and Maxine Carlile. Organists have been Jane Hatch Turner, Mina Duke Stevens, Dora Jones Bennion, Vera Rasband who served for 40 years, LaVada Harrison and Florence Anderson.

#### HEBER SECOND WARD

When the new boundaries of the Heber Second Ward were established in the 1903 division, a special exception was made to include the premises of Joseph A. Rasband who lived on the east side of Main Street, for Brother Rasband had been selected by the Stake Presidency to be

the Fourth Judicial District, Glen S. Hatch, George B. Stanley, J. Harold Call, Glen M. Hatch and Richard L. Maxfield, present Wasatch County attorney.

Dentists who have practiced in Wasatch County

Dr. W. Brigham Witt  
(no picture available)



Dr. C. F. Wherritt

Dr. Sessions  
(no picture available)



Dr. H. R. Rhead

Dr. Sabia  
(no picture available)



Dr. W. LeRoy Mahoney



Dr. F. Clayton Montgomery



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Dr. Glade L. Tregaskis  
(no picture available)



Dr. Larry Duke

Dr. Ronald J. Mackley  
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Maron Rich Hiatt was Heber's next mayor, taking office in 1948. He successfully completed the city airport, the community Memorial Building and the new Snake Creek power plant.

Councilmen serving with Mayor Hiatt were Fred Carlile, Sherman Giles, Don Hicken and Raymond Jiacoletti.

The community building, a \$40,000 structure, houses the fire department on the lower floor, and included offices for the city government and the Heber Light and Power Company. The upper floor, which has a separate outside entrance, has a large assembly room with adjoining kitchen and lounge facilities. Second floor rooms are used by civic and community groups including the Boy Scouts of America, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mayor Hiatt also directed the hard surfacing of roads through the cemetery and added to the beautification of the cemetery site.

Heber's most popular mayor in terms of years of service is its present chief executive, Raymond N. Jiacoletti. Elected in 1949, he has served continuously since that time.

At the completion of Mayor Jiacoletti's first term it was decided by the city council that the offices of mayor and councilmen would be four year positions, and that the mayor and two of the councilmen would be elected in 1952 for four years, with the other three council posts to be expanded to four years in the 1954 elections.

City officials who have served with Mayor Jiacoletti have included the following:

1950-51: Fred Carlile, Sherman Giles, Merrill J. Murdock, Rex Whiting and LaMar Watkins, councilmen; Don Hicken, city recorder and Mary L. Duke, treasurer.

1952-53: Fred Carlile, Andrew Mohr, Merrill Murdock, LaMar Watkins and Sherman Giles, councilmen; Rulon Carlile, recorder.

1954-55: Ray Berg, Merrill Murdock, Sherman Giles, LaMar Watkins and Andrew Mohr, councilmen.

1956-57: Sherman Giles, Harry McMillan, Axel Holmes, Allen Curry and Ray Berg, councilmen. Merrill Murdock was later appointed to fill a vacancy when Mr. Curry moved to Provo.

1958-59: Ray Berg, Merrill Murdock, Tom Carlile, Harry McMillan and Axel Holmes, councilmen. Later Mr. Holmes moved to California and Walter Montgomery was appointed to fill the vacancy.

1960-61: Ray Berg, Guy McDonald, Merrill Murdock, Tom Carlile and ElRoy Van Wagoner, councilmen.

One of Mayor Jiacoletti's first projects as mayor was to institute a city-wide garbage collection service. He also reclassified the city business license structure, revised the city accounting and auditing system and brought in a group insurance and retirement program for city employees.

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